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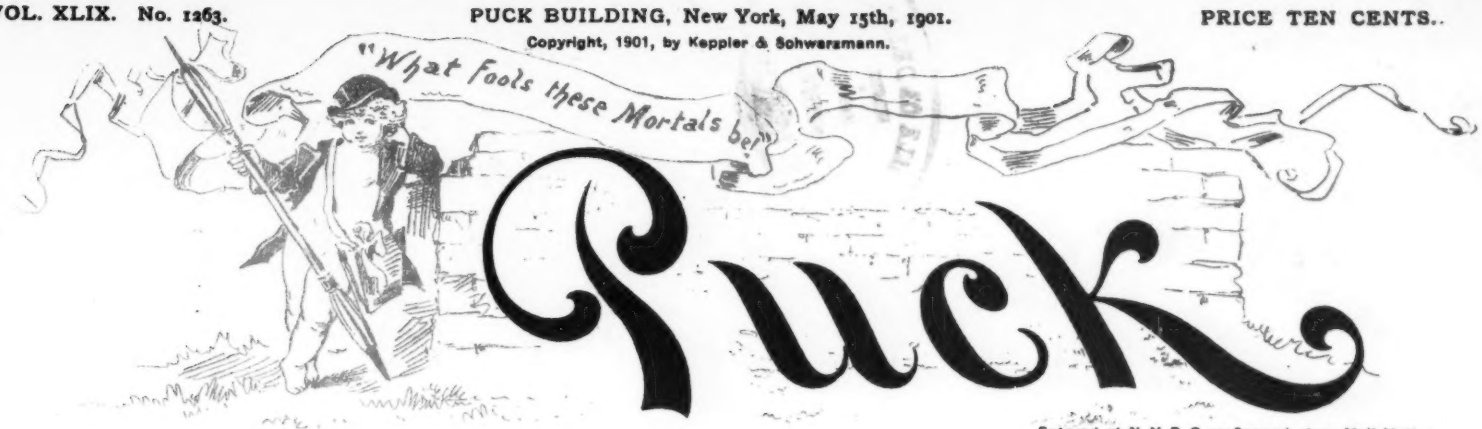

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THE CHICAGO NEPTUNE.

FATHER KNICKERBOCKER. — That 's all right; but what you need is less smoke and more salt water!

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FOLLOWING HIS MODEL.

THE ELEPHANT. — 'Ow is it? Do I look like Tommy Atkins?
THE MONKEY. — Do you? Why, Tusks, you look so much like Tommy Atkins that I can almost see you walking into a trap!

A MODERNIZED DEITY.

ONE FINDS in bygone poetry
Descriptions of a maid
Before whom thaw the ice-bound streams
And Winter slinks afraid.
With sunny locks she floats to earth
In gauzy robes that cling
And glides pink-toed upon the flowers, —
The Goddess of the Spring.

'T was in the woods one April day
That I encountered her,
And found the mythologic cant
Most wofully did err.
She wore a soft gray Alpine hat
Trimmed with a pigeon wing,
A golf skirt and stout calfskin boots, —
This Goddess of the Spring.

And yet I knew it was the same,
So joyous was her look;
Her cheeks were like the arbutus,
Her laugh was like a brook,
And in the trees above her head
The birds began to sing,
Proclaiming her, beyond a doubt, —
The Goddess of the Spring.

At my approach, most graciously,
She did not float away,
But searched the muddy woods with me
For flowers half the day.
And now I hold the poet's dream
A poor and stupid thing
Beside the real and radiant fact —
My Goddess of the Spring.

Katharine Perry.

SAYING A LOT.

ENGLISH SPORT. — Old McCorfries was considered a clever pugilist in his day, was n't he?

AMERICAN SPORT. — I should say so! Why, he was one of the cleverest pugilists that ever stepped behind a bar!

JOURNALISM.

"It appears," said the *Journal* reporter, "that the woman was driven to suicide by reading the *World*."

"Make about three lines of it!" said the man at the desk. "We 're not here to toot the *World's* horn!"

IN SOUTH AMERICA.

"And," continued the traveler, "I found social conditions equally as unfortunate in almost every South American town I visited. Each had plenty of ladies of wealth, but of these hardly two were daughters of the same revolution. In a word, there was no natural principle of coherence!"

ITS STATUS.

FARMER KNUBBINS. — William Jennin's Bryan's *Commoner* ain't a newspaper at all, as far as I can see. What is it?

FARMER BROADHEAD. — Aw! It is a campaign sheet when there 's no campaign on hand, a play to the grand-stand when the grand-stand ain't lookin', a yell for help addressed to stone-deaf people, a journal without an editor, a publication without an excuse, and a bore, first, last and all the time. That 's what it 'pears to me to be!

NOT PARTICULAR.

THE CHEF. — And what would Your Majesty like for dinner?

THE CZAR. — Oh! Any old thing that is n't poisonous!

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PUCKOGRAPHS. — No. 104.

THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH AND A VERMIFORM APPENDIX. BOTH ARE USELESS.

OLD ONES CONFISCATED.

TEACHER *(to historical class)*. — Tell me one great good that resulted from the Reformation. Well, James?

JAMES MULBERRY. — De gamblers wuz forced ter buy bran'-new layouts!

A · HONEYMOON · HAVEN

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BEFORE her dressing-table sits a charming bride-elect,
And, in spite of flying moments, she is pausing to reflect—
Upon the life before her and how solemn 't is to wed?
Why, not at all! These are the thoughts now rushing through her head:
Let 's see: the breakfast Katherine gives is set for Wednesday noon;
And Margaret's luncheon Thursday—Oh! She 's sent a lovely spoon!
On Friday is the musicale, and Mrs. Brown's bridge whist,
And Aunt Maria's dinner, which I wish we might have missed.
(But, never mind, it helps to make the function list more swell,
And when the papers write us up 't will look extremely well.)
For Saturday, the Country Club, and, after such a drive,
Fred's vaudeville party certainly won't leave me half alive;
But then comes Mary's chafing-dish, and that "impromptu" dance,—
I 'll do the Cinderella act if I can get a chance!
The Sunday "family" dinner is arranged for thirty-four,
Then the best man's artist-afternoon,—just sure to be a bore!
On Monday, Edith's german, to be led by Jack and me;
Tuesday, the linen-shower lunch, the maid-of-honor's tea,
Rehearsal in the evening, and my supper after that,
While Jackie dines the ushers for the last time in his flat;
The ceremony Wednesday at high noon, or even higher,
With the breakfast and reception,—one would think we 'd both expire,
But a blissful thought sustains us and encouragingly speaks
Of the rest-cure sanitarium where we 'll spend the next few weeks!

Anna Mathewson.

MRS. ROBINSON'S IDEA.

"TALKING about economy," said Mrs. Brown, "I 'm going to join the 'Ladies' Coöperative Association.' It is a new scheme — Mrs. Robinson's idea."

"Mrs. Robinson's idea!" sneered Brown. "It's years older than Mrs. Robinson, and that is saying a great deal. It has been in practice—"

"Oh! I know all about that! You are talking about the ordinary coöperative associations to supply the members with goods at cost and share profits and so on. I 've read books about that. I can give you statistics—"

"Never mind!" broke in Brown, hastily. "I 'd admit that two and two are five rather than listen to any statistics on the subject. I am not saying a word against coöperation. Everything depends on the management. Has Mrs. Robinson any startling views as to the management?"

"That 's just it! Now, what are the most striking instances of energy and success in the business world? The retail dry goods stores;—are they not?"

Brown assented. He was afraid of being threatened with statistics.

"And what is the most prominent feature," went on Mrs. Brown, "of the modern retail dry goods store? Is it not the Special Sale—the Bargain Counter?"

Brown assented again—this time emphatically. For the Bargain Counter he had the profound deference of a victim. He had once thought of inaugurating a crusade against the Bargain Counter as the cause of poverty; but Brown was too lazy a man to be a successful reformer.

"Has Mrs. Robinson a bigger scheme than the Bargain Counter?" he asked.

"Mrs. Robinson's idea is this: If the Bargain Counter attracts attention, put everything on the Bargain Counter. If Monday's Special Sale brings trade to Nicknax & Co. on Monday, and Tuesday's Special Sale brings trade to Markdown & Co. on Tuesday, let the 'Ladies Coöperative Association' have a special sale every day in the week. Do you doubt the success of the scheme?"

If silence gives consent, Mr. Brown has approved Mrs. Robinson's idea.

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NO EXCEPTION TO THE RULE.

"He is a very good boy."

"Oh! I don't doubt it. I have never seen any other kind of a boy looking for a job!"

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DURING THE DISCUSSION.

SHE.—But you must not believe all these stories about the missionaries in China. They are helping your poor countrymen to save their souls.

THE CHINAMAN.—May be! Only thing poor countlymen have left!

BROADWAY.

OLD BROADWAY is a narrow street,
So crowded that it 's wide,
Because you go so long across
To reach the other side;

And there you 'll see the cable-car
So expert that it 's able
To run like Blondin at full speed
And not fall off the cable.

Old Broadway is a lively street
Where things go rushing past
At such a speed that all the trucks
Get stuck there very fast;

And there you 'll see the buildings built
So high the rain can't fall,
Because it lights upon their roofs
Before it falls at all.

H. O'H.

A YOUTHFUL DIPLOMAT.

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I.

WILLY'S MOTHER *(in the next room)*.—Now, you, Willy Green, come right into this room! I am going to give you the best spanking you ever had in your life.

II.

WILLY.—Gee! I got ter git outen dis somehow! Pop says dere 's nothin' like diplomacy to get outen scrapes. Well, here goes!

III.

WILLY'S MOTHER.—Now, sir, I am going to show you that it don't pay to play truant from school! Just wait till I get off my slipper.

IV.

WILLY *(aside)*.—All women fall down when they run up against flattery. *(To his mother.)* Oh! Ha! Ha! Ha! The idea of hurting me with such a tiny little slipper like that!

BRIEFLY, AS TO PATRIOTISM.

To mind your own business and do the square thing by your neighbors is an extremely high order of patriotism.

If every man were to do this, flags, governments, powers, dominations and thrones might all take an indefinite vacation.

The man who does not steal sheep is not necessarily less a patriot than the man who takes off his hat when the band plays "The Star Spangled Banner."

TREATED SHAMEFULLY.

CITILY *(in Chicago Board of Trade)*.—Some of the "shorts" are getting squeezed pretty badly.

UNCLE RUBE *(from Jayville)*.—I should say they are! I tell ye, them little short fellers has no business amongst them there big rowdies!

BEFORE IT GOT AWAY.

THE FROG.—Ah! I 'm going to have you for breakfast!

THE INSECT.—Thinkso? Then you 're going to have a lot of exercise before breakfast!

STOCK WORK.

NEW REPORTER *(after turning in copy)*.—What now, sir?

MANAGING EDITOR.—Oh! You might write "unconfirmed reports" until I want you;—our stock is getting rather low.

A PASSING DISTURBANCE.

The sleeper stirred uneasily, as though something had disturbed him.

"'Sh!" whispered Morpheus. "It 's only the alarm-clock."

Whereupon the sleeper turned over and relapsed into blissful repose.

HIS SAD FATE.

FIRST MOSQUITO.—Yes; Buzzer was killed just as he was about to bite.

SECOND MOSQUITO.—Goodness! It 's an awful thing to die hungry!

BOILING DOES much to render foul news fit to print.

IT IS hard for some aspiring souls to realize that they are justly uncelebrated.

V.

MOTHER.— Do you think this slipper is so very small, Willy?

WILLY *(aside)*.—Oh! I 've got her going! I say, dis diplomacy business is good! *(Aloud.)* Why, Mother, that dainty Cinderella would n't hurt a fly!

VI.

MOTHER.— Perhaps you are right, Willy. I suppose I 'd better use one of your father's, if I wish to make the punishment effective.

VII.

"Now, *there!* To have big feet is quite an advantage at times."

THIS WEEK'S BROOKLYN BUDGET.

DON'T forget the entertainment at the Academy of Music next Monday night.

John Heightson is having a new glass-door put in his house on Pierrepont Street. It looks slick, John.

Hiram Southside, of Freeport, was in our borough last week. He stopped with his sister on Carleton Avenue.

Myrtle Montague saw a robin in Court Square the other day. Bright eyes, Myrtle.

The new third rail on the elevated railroad is almost complete.

The sidewalk in front of Rumpker's grocery was torn up last Friday for the purpose of fixing a gas-pipe.

A rummage sale for the benefit of the Holy Smoke Mission will be held in a vacant store on Court Street next Wednesday afternoon and evening. The articles offered for sale will be useful as well as ornamental.

One of our amateur dramatic societies will produce the popular play "Hamlet" at the Atheneum next month.

Clarence Calopers has been seen boarding a Halsey Street car frequently these evenings. We wonder who the girl is.

Folks out Flatbush way say that the potatos promise well this Spring.

The Bensonhurst Euchre Club was organized on Trolley-car 113 during the down-trip last Thursday morning.

Who is it Sidney Place takes all that 20-cent candy to?

Thirty cents buys the best seat at the Park Theatre this week.

Harry Hamilton.

A SECOND WASHINGTON.

JUDGE.—What excuse have you for being so disgracefully drunk yesterday?

PRISONER.—You see, Judge, a doctor told me I was going to have the grippe, so I—

JUDGE *(interrupting)*.—Oh! That 's the old story! You tried to cure it, eh?

PRISONER.—No, Your Honor! I tried to have one more good time before I 'd be laid up.

SUCCESS.

"And your novel is being dramatized?" asked his friend.

"Why," said the author, triumphantly, "it 's being melodramatized!"

THE ULTIMATE effect of civilization will be, we are confident, to decrease the number of bloodhounds and increase the number of little *Evas* in "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

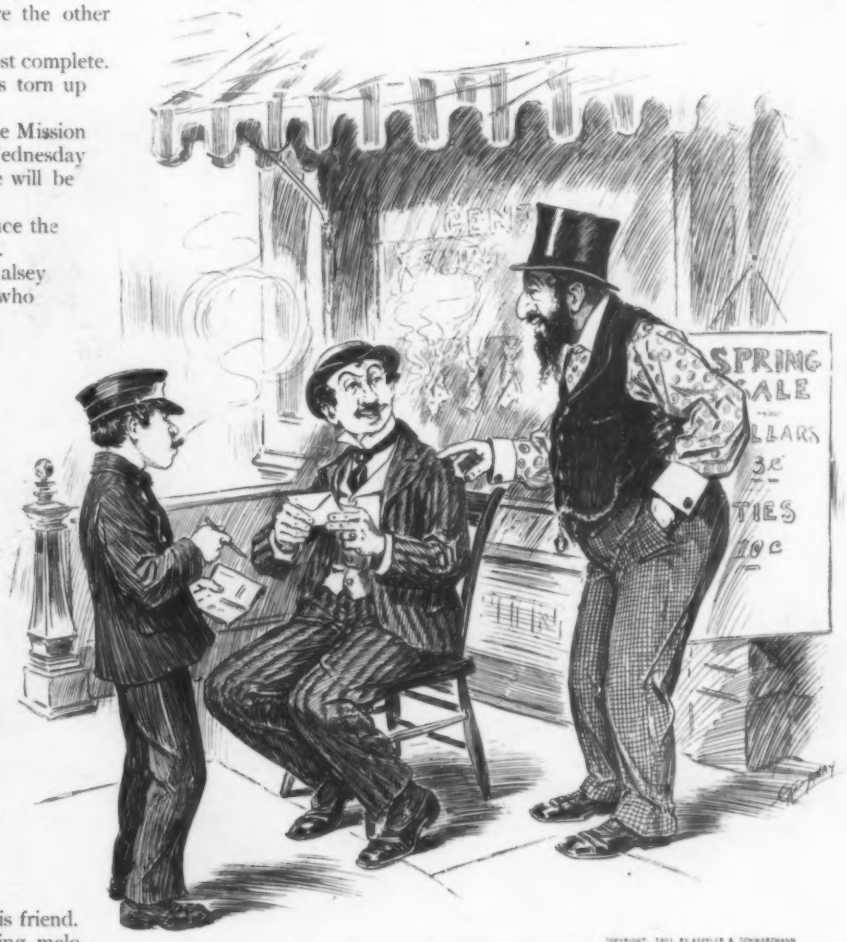
A LAYMAN'S VIEW.

"The microbe that causes Spring fever should be easily discovered."

"Why?"

"Because it must be too blamed lazy to get out of the way of anybody looking for it."

THERE IS little doubt that the average small boy would consider Christian Science a decided improvement on castor oil.



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CONFIDENCE IN OPPENHEIMER.

"I vonder Oppenheimer vould pay a messencher instead of using a two-cendt sdamp."

"Vell, I don'dt know vy he did it, but you gan pet your life he ain'dt vastin' der money!"

A WHOLESALE AFFRONT.

FARMER STACKPOLE.—I guess, Cap'n Hooks, the postmaster at the village, is dead-sure he is goin' to hold his position durin' the next four years.

FARMER HONK.—What makes you think so, Eli?

FARMER STACKPOLE.—Wa-al, I noticed this afternoon that he 's just had the front of the buildin' repainted and has stuck up a placard sayin', "This paint is fresh and sticky. Everybody, please feel of it and convince yourselves."

AN ACTOR NO LONGER.

THE BARTENDER.—I 'm sure Stormington Barnes has deserted the stage.

FOOTE LYTES.—What makes you think so?

THE BARTENDER.—Why, he passed the free-lunch counter, to-day, without even looking at it.

HE HAZARDS A CONJECTURE.

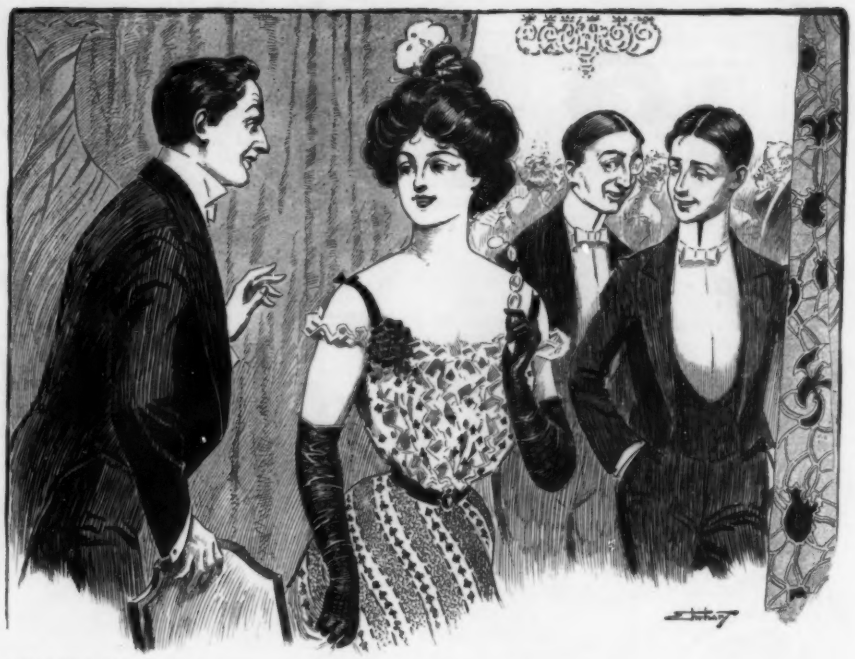
PAPA.—No; nobody has been able to find the North Pole yet.

JOHNNY.—May be there is n't any.

HIS BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

MR. MOKEBY.—Yo' want to marry mah daughtah? Well, what am yo' prospects?

LEM LOAFENLY *(on crutches, loftily)*.—I'se brought suit ag'inst de street-cah comp'ny fo' five thousand dollars damages fo' de loss ob fo' toes.



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AS TO A MUTUAL FRIEND.

"Nice fellow, but he never did know his own mind."

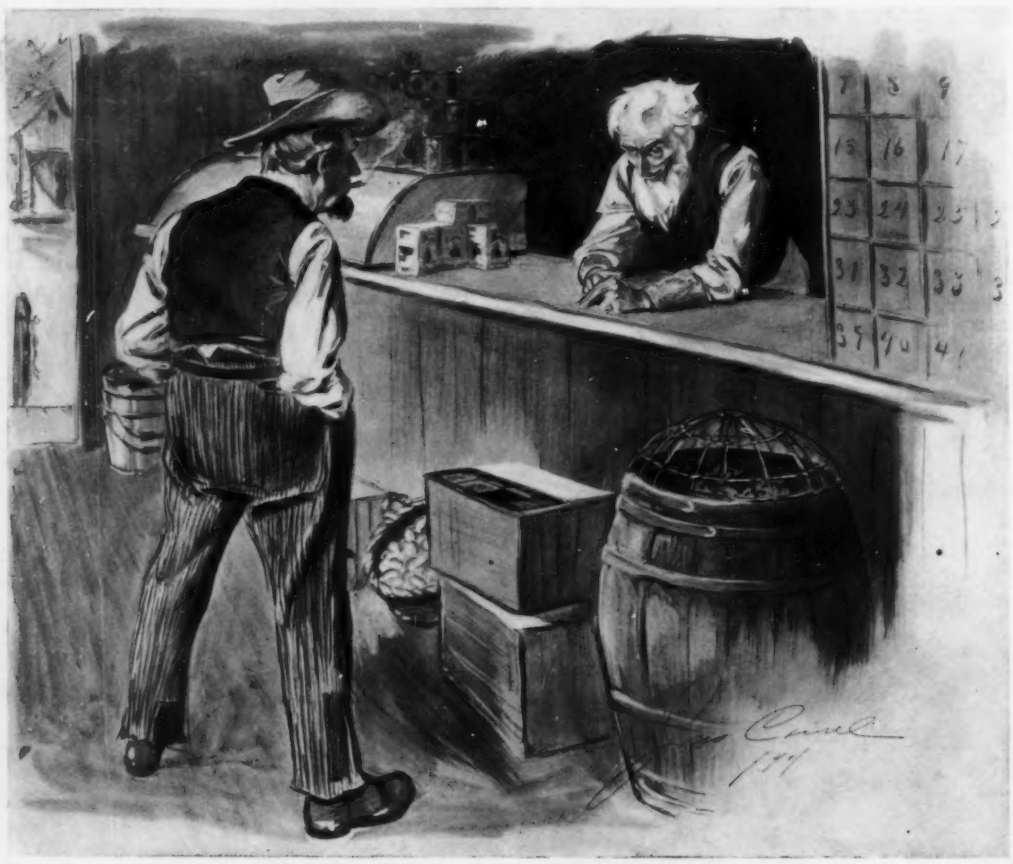
"Well, now that he 's married, he won't have to."

WHERE DIVORCES are so easy to get, it is really worth a man's while to marry, if only for the satisfaction of seeing all his names spelled out in full in the newspapers.

A MEAN INSINUATION.

SHE.—Mr. D'Auber can do wonders with a chafing-dish.

HE.—I suppose so. I 've heard that with its aid some of those artists can live on three dollars a week.



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THE CAUSE OF THE TRANSFORMATION.

STOREKEEPER.—Old Jason Skinflint darn near split the top uv this counter with his fist, tew-day, an' declared thet if he had his way he 'd lynch every nigger in the land.

DEACON WAYBACK *(astounded)*.—Impossible! Why, it wuz only yesterday that he told me he b'lieved a black man wuz as good as a white one!

STOREKEEPER.—P'r'aps he did; but he had five chickens stolen las' night.

BIBLICAL TRUTH.

We might be better
If we would,
But it 's very lonely
Being good;
A
n
d,
According to Scripture,
You must own,
Man was not built
To be alone.

William J. Lampton.

A TYPE.

"Do you consider the Reverend Dr. Uptodate a Christian?

"Well, he has revised and adapted Christianity to suit the tastes of a fashionable congregation."

LIFE MIGHT be defined as a struggle against bacteria.

THE LORD helps those who help themselves, and the others just shuffle along.

IT 'S LOVE that makes the world go round, but it 's marriage that keeps most of the inhabitants hustling.

FAME AND fortune await the man who will invent an alarm-clock that will not only wake us up but make us feel like getting up.

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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

THE PRESIDENT'S ORDEAL.

MORE THAN once we have detected a difference of opinion as to the value of William McKinley's services to the nation. But no one will question the present sincerity of his devotion to duty. For a sense of duty alone could have prompted the seven weeks' course of hardship he is now undergoing. There is a tendency in certain newspapers to picture the sinful luxury of his progress. He is compared to an oriental satrap reveling in the fleshly pleasures, and wearied never but by satiety. And this because there are cushioned chairs in the stuffy car to which he has sentenced himself, a bed to sleep on, and a kitchen where his food may be cooked. It is not to be expected that the average person who writes pieces for a newspaper should know about such matters; but, as a matter of cold truth, a seven weeks' railway journey under the most favorable auspices is an ordeal not lightly to be undertaken, nor for any small end. It is an exhausting, nerve-racking, cinder-eyed, always dirty affair, and the man who completes it a Christian deserves all good things. Yet, to aggravate the normal agonies of travel, this tired fellow-man of ours, every time the train stops, must take his way grandly to the rear platform and face the Plain People,—wearing always that look of masterful yet blameless urbanity to be noted on the face of the person displaying the "Gent's Double-breasted Frock" in the tailor's fashion plate. Here he must affirm that Honesty is the Best Policy, that a Stitch in Time Saves Nine, that Evil Communications Corrupt Good Manners, and that, in this Proud and Happy Land of ours, where our Forefathers Bled that Free Government might not Perish from the Earth, Two times Two are, and unquestionably will forever be, FOUR. And he must say it in a way to suggest that he had this particular stop in mind when he planned the trip.

* * *

If he were not an admirable public servant and a noble soul, he would deliver something like the following speech at these stops:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: I am dead-tired. I have an assortment of all the sizes of cinder in each eye. My throat is caked with dust, and my skin, from head to foot, feels like extra gritty sandpaper. I am also about eight whole nights behind on sleep, through being shunted around switch yards. My stomach is making trouble for me, and I ought to be lying down this minute. And, as for shaking hands, say! how would one of you like to shake hands every day with two or three thousand Presidents of the United States, and look as if you enjoyed it? However, I am honestly glad to see you. You look exactly like the crowd in every one of the 342 towns where we 've stopped, from your leading citizen with side-whiskers down to the little girls in white dresses. But you look honest and prosperous and decent and you seem glad to see me, and I thank you for it. But I 've seen so many of you that, good as you are, I wish you were the last bunch I had to look at. Good-day!"

Of course, that will not be said, for the Golden Age of truth is not come. And even the editor of the *Commoner*, who knows what this sort of travel is, would probably concede that the President for once is earning every cent of his wages.

CHICAGO SHIPPING.

FAR BE IT from PUCK to intimate that the Impossible does not invariably cringe and wane to humble possibility the moment it crosses the farthest boundary line of Chicago. But supremacy as a seaport does n't seem to have started in her direction as yet. True she has already pictured New York bemoaning the loss of this supremacy, but that is the Chicago way—and we should remember that perhaps she needs a great deal of this particular way in order to accomplish what she does. We submit, however, that Chicago can't dispute for first place as a seaport on the strength of one vessel sent out upon a leisurely, tortuous, six or seven-weeks' voyage to Liverpool. That is n't even an argument, let alone a dispute. We don't say Chicago won't find the way. That drainage canal which reduces St. Louis to a mere sewer-terminal is too ominous a portent. But, for the present, at least, Chicago is the ideal spot to load freight cars.

SHIRT-WAIST TIME.

THE BREATH of a cooling Summer breeze steals from Washington, D. C., to give courage for the hot time. It is nothing less than an order by the Postmaster General extending the privileges of the shirt-waist to letter-carriers. Postmasters may permit them to wear "a neat shirt-waist or loose-fitting blouse instead of coat and vest," in combination with a "turn-down collar, dark tie and a neat belt." We can't all be letter-carriers, even with this inducement, but we shall all profit by the change; for these neatly and sensibly-clad persons will help to give an appearance of coolness to the city streets. It is not reasonable to hope that the rest of us, with no fatherly official to prescribe our garb, will copy the fashion this Summer. But in a few more years, the advance of twentieth-century enlightenment, making for emancipation along spiritual and material lines, will have enabled us to see that we violate no law of God or good taste in dressing to fit the seasons; and that it is neither comfortable, hygienic nor becoming to swaddle ourselves in a series of superfluous woolen garments on a hot day. The policemen should be the next public servants to secure this immunity. The sight of a hectic policeman on a warm day, stewing palpably inside his close-buttoned uniform, makes all right-minded persons wish to give him a tall glass of cold beer; and this is not right.

SURPRISED.

FIRST FARMER.—Zeke went to the Buffalo Exposition.

SECOND FARMER.—Great show, I suppose?

FIRST FARMER.—Yes; he says you would n't believe how many things he seen that ain't controlled by Trusts.

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SOME ONE AT FAULT.

"Why, child, I can't give you any more if you have no more money!"

"Well, Mama said a dime's worth would be enough—but this is n't enough!"

J. OTTMANN LITH. CO. PUCK BLDG. N.Y.

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THE WHEEL THAT CAN'T BE STOPPED; — IT 'S HUMAN NATURE.

RED HOT
FREE
LUNCH
REFORMER

MULVANEY AT HOME.

THE INVASION OF CAPE COLONY.

"DID YEZ KNOW," said Mulvaney, "that whin De Wet undhertook to make a dash into Cape Colony he was insane — clane crazy? If yez don't believe it I can show yez where it says so in the papers. There he was wit', some papers sez two thousand, some sez five thousand min, an' some, in an unaccustomed bur-rst av veracity, sez that they don't know annything about how manny he has, an' he ploonges into the middle av a hundred an' fifty or two hundred thousand min undher the direction av the mastherly mind av Lor-rd Kitchener. Sure, he must have been crazy! An' if ye say he did it nine or tin times before, so much the more crazy he for thinkin' he cud do it agin. If a man did that jist wanst or twicet it might be thought jist a timp'rary aberration av mind, as they say, but to do it ilivin times he must be a lunatic. That stands to raison.

"Well, whin Kitchener gets wind av it he sinds out scouts to find out De Wet's plans. An' whin the scouts kem back they rayported that they had a talk wit' De Wet an' he was very pleasant an' gintlemanly; to be sure, he tuk away their horses an' guns, but he was so nice about it that they cud n't have any hard feelin's agin him on account av it; an' whin he bid thim good-by he tould thim he hoped to capture thim agin anny time they wor in his neighborhood. But about his plans he was ritisint an' uncommunicative. They thought loike enough he was goin' to Cape Colony, him bein' av sich a r-rovin' an' restless disposition. So Kitchener thanked thim kindly for their valyable sarvices — a most affable man he is to the pr-rivate sojer, as iverybody knows — an' he sint wor-rd to commanthers av all posts to keep their eye peeled for De Wet.

"An' a few days afther that he tillygraphed to the officer at Thaba N'Chu, sayin': 'Have ye seen annything av De Wet?' An' the officer sez: 'Yis; he passed here yistherda' goin' south; but sich was his fear av our br-rave gar-rison that he niver attacked, though we were not more than four to wan. I atthribute this to the gallant foight made by me Impayrial Yeomanry the last time he captured thim.' Thin Kitchener tillygraphs to Wepemer an' the officer says: 'Yis; De Wet was here yistherda', but, thank the Lord, he only captured half a company av Fusileers an' a pompom.' 'Accept me congr-ratulations,' tillygraphs Kitchener, an' thin he wires to Fauresmith. An' the commanther there sez: 'We had a great battle wit' him yistherda'. We thried to dhrive him north, but, by a mastherly change av tactics, we finally compelled him to go south. He is now raythratin' in great disorder, carryin' away twinty miles av railroad thrack.' An' thin Kitchener calls up Alliwal North on the tillyphone, an' he sez: 'Where is he now?' An' sez they: 'He 's in Cape Colony, but he 's in a thrap. He 's cut off be tin thousand min aich on the North, South, Aist an' West, wit' smaller foorces at aich av the intermayjit p'ints av the compass. His horses has given out; his min's clothes is in tatters; he has nothin' to ate; the rivers is swollen before an' behind him. His name is Dinnis.' 'Thin,' sez Kitchener, 'see that yez kape him in that same tight spot until the arrival of me thir-rty thousand fresh mounted min that is now bein' raycruited in England. Whin they come we 'll close in an' nab him.'

"But De Wet he calls his staff togither an' sez he: 'Gintlemin, I don't know whin I 've iver been in sich an imbarrassin' position. Here,' sez he, 'is twinty-wan daytachmints surroundin' us, be actual count, an' for the life av me I don't know which wan av thim to capture. 'T is hard,' sez he, 'that we can not convayniently stay in this neighborhood long enough to take thim all, wan at a time; but there 's no use thinkin' about it. So I lave it to you, gintlemin — take yer pick.' An' they unanimously voted to take a throop av Impayrial Yeomanry, the same havin' most beautiful horses; an' De Wet tuk it an' wint North, raysarvin' the rest to a more convaynient occasion.

"So Kitchener sint another av thim laconic despatches, as they call thim, sayin' that the ind av the war had been in sight, but that De Wet had carried it off wit' him, an' nobody cud tell how far off it might be by that time."

Wm. E. McKenna.

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A CONSERVATIVE CHOICE.

MISS HIGHSTEP. — 'Scuse mah blüntness, Honey, but why did yo' marry sech a homely man?

MRS. WASHINGTON. — Wa-al, I preferred a homely husband dat would stay home an' wring mah clothes radder dan a handsome niggah dat would kite aroun' an' wring mah heart!

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"Uncle, are you doing anything to stop your hair falling out?"

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A GOLF-BAWL — "Fore!"

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A NATURAL CONVENIENCE.

THE CHIMPANZEE.—You must be a Dutchman, smoking a pipe with a long stem like that.

THE CRANE.—Long stem nothing;—that 's my beak!

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OTTINGER.—My new golf cap is going to be of automobile blue.

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They must account me "easy," choice of Summer Season's prey—
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By dreams my sleep is haunted and I 'm thinking when awake
Of the beauties and demerits of each mountain, wood and lake.
Whether I shall by the seashore spend a few short weeks of bliss,
And when I buy my ticket whether o'er that line or this!
I guess I 'll wait to see what maps the mail to-day will bring.
There 'll be a lot of folders, too—I 'm such an "easy thing;"—
To read them all the Summer through at home I 'll have to stay—
For my name is on the mailing-list of every G. P. A.

Roy Farrell Greene.

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ONE IS ENOUGH.

NEWLIWED.—I tell you what, old man, my wife is one woman in a thousand.

OLEBACH.—Well, I should hope so. If she were more than one you 'd be a bigamist, at least.—*Catholic Standard and Times.*

HIS OPINION.

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A MAN never sees a cash register without wishing he had money enough to keep it going all the time.—*Washington Democrat.*

IT seems rather fortunate, when one pauses to consider the matter, that hair and whiskers don't come out green in the Spring.—*West Union Gazette.*

WE always imagine that when a milliner goes to church on Sunday she has thoughts something like these: "That 's mine;" "I wonder where that fright came from;" "That 's mine, but she has n't it on right," etc.—*Atchison Globe.*

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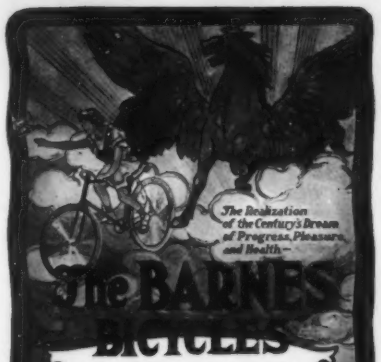

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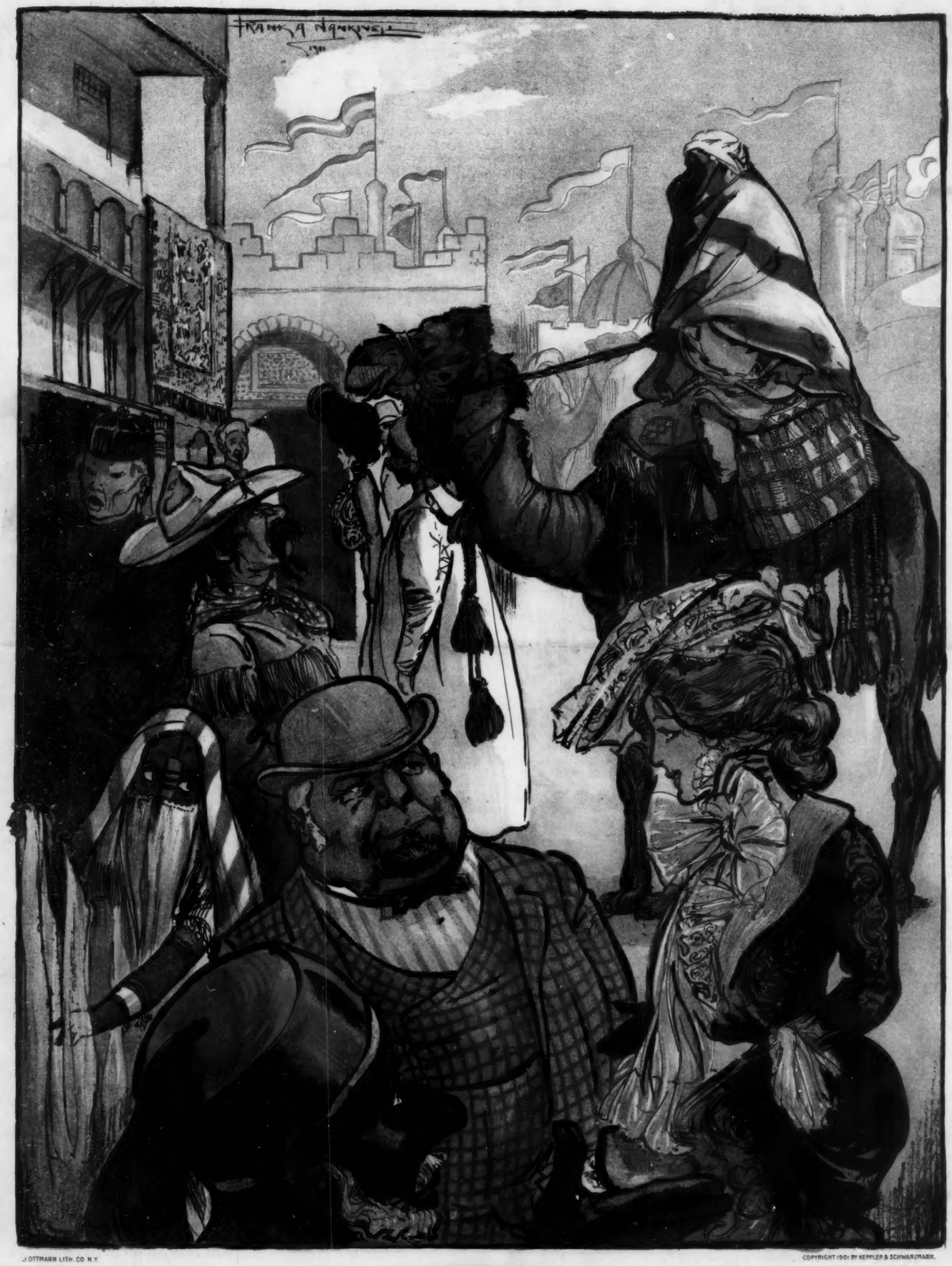

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ONE IS ENOUGH.

NEWLIWED.—I tell you what, old man, my wife is one woman in a thousand.

OLEBACH.—Well, I should hope so. If she were more than one you 'd be a bigamist, at least.—*Catholic Standard and Times.*

HIS OPINION.

"What is your idea of a reformer?"

"Well," answered Farmer Corntossel, "from my limited observation, I should say a reformer is a man who is willing to promise anything."—*Washington Star.*

A MAN never sees a cash register without wishing he had money enough to keep it going all the time.—*Washington Democrat.*

IT seems rather fortunate, when one pauses to consider the matter, that hair and whiskers don't come out green in the Spring.—*West Union Gazette.*

WE always imagine that when a milliner goes to church on Sunday she has thoughts something like these: "That 's mine;" "I wonder where that fright came from;" "That 's mine, but she has n't it on right," etc.—*Atchison Globe.*

JEAN DE RESZKE had an attack of influenza which kept him from singing a few days and therefore cost him $15,000. It will be a comfort to most women who have had the grip to know that they got it at bargain-counter rates as compared to this.—*Indianapolis News.*

CRIMSONBEAK.—The late census returns have proved one thing beyond a doubt.

YEAST.—What 's that?

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